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## Gustafson Named Interim Vice Director

The Director of State Civil Defense (SCD), Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong, has appointed Victor Gustafson as the Interim Vice Director. Gustafson replaces Edward Teixeira who recently resigned after serving as the Vice Director since January 2000.

The State Department of Defense is conducting a search for a permanent Vice Director.

"With Vic as interim Vice-Director, there will be a smooth transition in our state emergency management and homeland security activities," stated Maj. Gen. Wong.

Prior to his appointment as the interim Vice Director, Gustafson served as the Plans & Operations Branch Chief, one of four senior manager positions within the Civil Defense Division. His duties as Plans & Operations Branch Chief included directing and participating in the development and maintenance of statewide civil defense pro-

gram plans as well as coordinating operational activities upon implementation of State emergency response plans.

Mr. Gustafson has served with SCD since 1996 and



participated in response to seven federally declared major disasters, including the 2006 Kiholo Bay Earthquake and the March 11, 2011, Tsunami. He also coordinated Individual Assistance and Emergency Operating Plans for the four counties in Ha-

waii, and served as the State's lead for the Individual Assistance and Fire Management Assistance Grant programs.

Mr. Gustafson has 20 years of distinguished military service as a Naval Aviator. During his career in the Navy, he held numerous positions from P-3 Orion Mission Commander, Squadron Maintenance Officer to Deputy for POW/MIA Affairs for U.S. Pacific Command. He has had staff assignments at Naval Air Station Barbers Point; U.S. Commander in Chief, Pacific Command; the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; and onboard the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63).

He received a Bachelors of Arts in Oceanography from the United States Naval Academy and has a Masters in Human Resources Administration from the University of Central Michigan.

### Our Mission

**To prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies**

**This important mission is implemented through hazard mitigation, disaster preparedness, homeland security, emergency response, and through disaster recovery programs**

## Cleanup Volunteers Needed

There are two community flood prevention cleanups scheduled for the Wai'anae coast. The cleanups will target areas in the Lualualei Valley. These cleanups come after a flooding update town hall meeting that drew over 100 residents.

Wai'anae Coast legislators Senator Maile Shimabukuro and Representatives Karen Awana and Jo Jordan are working with city, state, and federal officials to plan two

community clean ups.

The first cleanup is on Saturday, November 19, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers should meet at Mikilua Store parking lot, 87-1117 Paakea Road #A. Contact Rep. Awana, 586-8465, to sign up.

The second cleanup is on Saturday, December 10, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contact Rep. Jordan, 586-8460, to sign up.

Volunteers are asked to sign up ahead of time so organizers can plan accordingly. However, volunteers may also show up the day of the clean up.

Volunteers should bring water and dress appropriately for the cleanup:

- Covered shoes with thick soles
- Long pants
- Sun protection
- Gloves

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## The Civil Defense Advisory Council

The Civil Defense Advisory Council, established under Section 128-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, consists of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Council sits in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Director of Civil Defense on matters pertaining to civil defense.

The Advisory Council meets quarterly and the next meeting is scheduled in February.

There are currently two vacancies on the council. The vacancies represent the islands of Oahu and Hawai‘i. Persons holding public office or employed in the government of the State or any of its political subdivisions are eligible for appointment to the Council. If you are interested in serving on the Civil Defense Advisory Council or any other state board or commission, get more information at: <http://hawaii.gov/gov/about/boards-commissions.html>.

The following is a short biography on each of the current members of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

**Mr. Colton Ching** is one of three new council members recently appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie. Mr. Ching serves as the Vice President, System Operation and Planning at Hawaiian Electric. In this position, he oversees corporate strategic planning plus daily operation of the electric grid to ensure continued reliable service for customers and to prepare the grid for operations with increasing levels of renewable resources. Mr. Ching previously served as the manager of the utility's Corporate Planning Department.

During his 19 years at Hawaiian Electric, Ching has held leadership positions in the areas of strategic initiatives, transmission planning, generation planning, and power plant engineering. He may look familiar because he is featured in a Hawaiian Electric television commercial

about alternate energy generation.

Mr. Ching holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa.

**Mr. Myron Dobashi** is serving his second term as a member of the Hawai‘i Civil Defense Advisory Council. He began his second four-year term on July 1, 2009. He represents the island of Kauai and serves as the council chair.



He retired a brigadier general from the Hawai‘i Air National Guard in 2003 after 38 years service with the Air Force and the Air National Guard. His last assignment was the Assistant Adjutant General, Air, who also serves as the Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard. He was responsible for overseeing the training and readiness of the Hawai‘i Air National Guard with an authorized strength of 2,515 officers and airmen.

He currently runs a limited liability company (LLC) that manages rental investments.

Mr. Dobashi received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, Washington. During his military career, he completed Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the National Security Management Course.

**Dr. Raymond Jardine, Jr.**, is another new council member appointed by Governor Abercrombie. Dr. Jardine is the President and CEO of Native Hawaiian Veterans, LLC. The company website lists the following as their core competencies: homeland security, emergency management,



information technology, communication equipment, professional staff augmenta-

tion, munitions and explosives of concern (MEC), community relationship, and public outreach.

He retired as a Colonel from the Hawai‘i Army National Guard in December 2003 after a 32-year military career. During his career, he participated in training for Emergency Preparedness and Response, HazMat Response and Management, Anti Terrorism, Disaster Assistance and Multi-Hazard Planning.

Dr. Jardine holds degrees from Honolulu Community College with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts, Public Administration from San Diego State University, Management from Chaminade University, Master Degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix, Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, and a Doctorate of Business Administration in Organization Leadership from the University of Rockville.

**Mr. Richard Minatoya** is the third of the Governor Abercrombie's recent appointments. Mr. Minatoya currently serves as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui, and represents Maui County. He previously worked as the first deputy prosecuting attorney for the County of Kauai.



Mr. Minatoya received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics for the University of Southern California. While attending, his honors include being named a Harry S. Truman Scholar, and a recipient of a 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship.

He holds a Jurist Doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa. Additionally, he has completed the majority of the course work towards a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree at the University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa.

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## State Civil Defense Award Winners

Two State Civil Defense employees received the Department of Defense's highest awards at the recent DOD Retirement and Awards Luncheon. The luncheon honors retirees, service award winners, and the Adjutant General's Award and Manager of the Year Award.

**Thomas Simon** received The Adjutant General's Award which recognizes the department's Employee of the Year. In his position, he serves as sole engineer responsible for all aspects pertaining to warning and situation display systems in the EOC control point and secure room area. He assists the Telecommunications Branch Chief in planning, installation, and maintenance of emergency communications and outdoor siren warning systems that support State emergency and disaster response operations.

Over the past year, Mr. Simon has exhibited the initiative and energy to upgrade the State Emergency Alert System (EAS) which provides National and local alerts for natural or man-made hazards to the general public. As the State Civil Defense representative to National commit-

tees on the Common Alerting Protocol and Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), Mr. Simon used his technical expertise to field new computerized workstations to the State and to all County EOCs and Warning Points (Police 9-1-1 Sections). His efforts contributed to the installation of a new, user friendly and highly reliable EAS and allows for pre-recorded announcements to be included in alerts.

This EAS system proved to be a valuable asset during the March 10-11, 2011 Tsunami Warning following the devastating earthquake near Honshu, Japan. The EAS, which includes a Common Alerting Protocol, enabled the State EOC 24/7 Warning staff to quickly alert government and critical infrastructure facility officials.

**Dawn Johnson** was named the Department's Manager of the Year. In her position, she provides oversight and maintenance of the State Hazard Mitigation Program, and supervises Hazard Mitigation Program staff in the development of mitigation plans and grants awarded by FEMA for Pre-Disaster Mitigation projects

and for projects approved by FEMA following a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Ms. Johnson's most notable contribution to the State, county governments, and to the Department of Defense has been the publication of the 2010 State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Established by the *Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000*, all states are required to upgrade their multi-hazard mitigation plans every three years. The plans must comply with stringent National guidelines and be approved by FEMA. If a state's plan is not approved by FEMA, the state is not eligible to apply for federal disaster assistance.

The development and update of the 2010 State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was a two-year endeavor requiring the collaboration, input, and coordination among agency representatives from all levels of government and selected organizations from the private sector. As the lead for the update of the plan, Ms. Johnson worked tirelessly and often on weekends to ensure that the draft of the plan met National guidelines and time schedules set by FEMA. After months of hard work, the final plan consisting of 690 pages was reviewed and approved by FEMA in October 2010.

Congratulations to Tom and Dawn on their well deserved awards!

## The Civil Defense Advisory Council

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**Mr. Randy L. Prothero** is a second-term member of the Hawai'i Civil Defense Advisory Council. His second term began on July 1, 2009. He is a Real Estate Broker with Century 21 Liberty Homes.



He has consistently been a sales award winner at Century 21 Liberty

Homes.

His designations and certifications include: Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR). At Home With Diversity (AHWD), Certified Internet Professional (e-PRO), Graduate REALTOR® Institute (GRI), Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), and Sales and Foreclosure Expert (SFR).

Within the real estate industry, he serves as the Chairman, Honolulu Board of REALTORS®, Leeward Regional Group; and a mediator and ombudsman for the Honolulu Board of REALTORS®.

Mr. Prothero is extremely active in the community. His community service includes: President: Hawai'i Chess Federation (501c3), President: Abunai Soccer Academy (501c3), Director: Oahu League Soccer Association (501c4), Vice President/Instructor/Webmaster: Mililani Chess Club (501c3), Vice Chairman: Mililani Anti-Drug Committee (MililaniDrugFree), Director, Mililani Town Student Organization (501c3), Vice President: Mililani Garden Homes 1, and Member: Navy League of the United States.

Mr. Prothero also builds and donates websites to several community groups.



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## Nationwide EAS Test Scheduled for November 9

The first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, or EAS, will take place at 9:00 a.m. (Hawaiian Standard Time) on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. The purpose of the test is to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the system in alerting the public.

The nationwide EAS test will be conducted jointly by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS). The alert will be transmitted throughout the United States. The test is scheduled to last approximately 3 minutes.

The EAS is a media communications-based alerting system that is designed to transmit emergency alerts and warnings to the American public at the national, state and local levels. EAS participants broadcast alerts and warnings regarding weather threats, child abductions and other types of emergencies. EAS alerts are transmitted over television and radio

broadcast, satellite television and satellite radio, cable television and wireline video services. The test will not involve mobile communication devices.

The EAS is often used by state and local emergency managers to alert the public about emergencies and weather events. The system provides the ability to send messages regionally or nationally, though it has never been tested at these levels. A major disaster such as an earthquake or tsunami could require the use of the system to send life-saving information to the public.

Although the nationwide EAS test may resemble the periodic monthly EAS tests that the public is familiar with, there will be some differences in what they may see or hear, which is one reason for conducting a nationwide EAS test. During the test, the public will hear a message indicating "this is a test". The audio message will be the same for everyone, however due to limitations of the EAS, the video test message may not be the same and may not indicate "this is a test". This is due to the use of a "live" national code –

the same code that would be used in an actual emergency.

Also, the background image that appears on video screens may indicate "this is a test" but in some cases there may be no image at all.

There are several limitations to the current EAS for individuals with access and functional needs. FEMA and the FCC are committed to providing organizations and the EAS community with information well in advance of the test.

For more information about EAS, visit the following websites.

[www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas\\_info.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm)

[www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/emergency-alert-system-eas](http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/emergency-alert-system-eas)